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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Dave Hess, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen: Jon Faust, David Valley, Tony Curcio, and Jeff Yob. Also in attendance were Mayor James Shoemaker, Borough Engineer Brian Pysker and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent were Councilmen Alex Cortezzo III and Kerry Gassler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joe LeDonne from Weona Park Pool Pals spoke to Council regarding the Pen Argyl pool. He said they would like to know if there would be support among Wind Gap residents to have the Pen Argyl pool go regional to benefit all communities. He said they would like to solicit contributions for their charity from the Wind Gap businesses in town and gauge how much interest there would be to repair/replace the pool. Joe asked if the Borough could possibly give him a list of business. He also asked if he could see our Park Master Plan when the final draft is completed.

2. Partners for a New Beginning spoke to Council regarding reserving the Wind Gap Park to host an awareness for the battle against heroin and opiate addiction. This would be a one day event where they would have sponsors to discuss awareness and prevention. The Group will be going to contact the School District regarding parking at the school due to limited parking at the park. Council informed them that they need to speak to the Park Board regarding this event.

On motion by Jon Faust to approve this event pending approval from the Park Board and seconded by Jeff Yob. Roll Call taken. In favor: T. Curcio, J. Faust, D. Hess, J. Yob. Opposed: D. Valley. Motion carried 4 – 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Dave Valley to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 Council meeting and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call taken. In favor: J. Faust, D. Hess, D. Valley, T. Curcio. Abstained: J. Yob. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Building Assembly Room – Jon Faust stated that Joe DePue requested that they get approval from Council for the Wind Gap Ambulance Corp to use the assembly room for meetings. Jon said he would also like to reserve the Assembly Room for the Fire Department.

On motion by Dave Valley to allow the Wind Gap Ambulance to use the meeting room for their meeting the third Wednesday of the month and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call taken. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Jeff Yob to allow the Fire Department to use the meeting room for their meetings the third Monday of the month and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call taken. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Beautification Committee – Dave Hess and Louise Firestone met with Danielle Seiple who is going to head the Beautification Committee. First on her agenda is to have a town wide clean-up day in conjunction with the Park clean-up on May 7th, 2016. More information will follow.

3. Letter of Interest - Deb informed Council that they received a letter of interest for Woodrow Kindrew Jr. for the Zoning Hearing Board.

On motion by Jeff Yob to appoint Woodrow Kindrew Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Social Hall – Dave Hess said that Council was given a report of options for mortgages from the bank to have the Fire Company Social Hall built on the property at 545 East West Street. George Hinton said he would like to know which direction to go in as far as the Fire Company securing a loan/funding for the building. He said that at the previous Fire Department meeting they discussed different types of fund raisers that would assist them in paying for a mortgage. He said that he feels that the Fire Company would not have any problems with the mortgage payments. Dave Hess wanted to know who would pay the monthly expenses. George said that they would be responsible as they were in the past with the old firehouse. Jeff Yob said that Council would need to look at all the financial options to see what and how to invest in this project. He said it seems like the smartest move would be for the Fire Department to borrow the money and the next thing would be to have an agreement between the Borough and the Fire Department as a fall back in the event the mortgage is defaulted on by the Fire Company. Jeff said at this point Council would need to get some hard numbers on the building cost and the ground work that would have to be done. George said they would need Brian to do the Engineering work. If they cannot build here, then they would have to look at other options, possibly the old Firehouse. George said the only concern with that property is inadequate parking. He said they would take measurements of the current property and then meet with Brian to see if this is feasible. Council will speak with Attorney Karasek regarding this discussion.

2. GIS – Deb Harbison reported that she received a quote for a program to input the Zoning information into our maps for GIS. She said that Council received a copy of the proposal. Brian said that this will get us to where we need to be.

On Motion by Jeff Yob to have the program for Zoning and Planning installed for GIS and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call taken Motion carried unanimously.

3. Façade for the Front of the Building - Brian said that he met with Tony regarding the facade for the building. Brian said the windows are original to the building, they leak and the plywood around them is rotting out. He said that the high end would be around \$100,000 for a

brick front and new windows. George Hinton said he suggests that we get an architect to get a design for us to look at.

4. Flag Pole - Dave said that Election Day is approaching and we need a flag pole at our building even if it is one that we attach to the front of the building. George said he will check pricing this week for flag poles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Jon Faust said they had 78 calls for the month with a total of 190 for the year. He said that they are in the process of setting up a regular report for our monthly meetings. Jon said the scheduled dates for the coin toss are April 11th, June 13th, July 11th (Monroe County), August 8th, and October 10th.

2. Fire Company – Jon Faust reported that they responded to 18 calls for the month, 33 for the year. Jon said they are having a hoagie sale with orders due by April 4th, 2016.

3. Regional Police – The Mayor reported that the Slate Belt Regional Police Department responded to 497 for the month of February, 147 were for Wind Gap.

4. Emergency Management – Jeff Yob had nothing to report.

5. Zoning – Tony Curcio said he was absent for the last meeting and he asked Brian Pyscher to update Council. Brian reported that they met and discussed the Albanese proposal for the Borough's property on Lehigh Avenue. He said the Zoning Hearing Board granted all of their variances to allow them to build five single family attached dwellings on individual lots. Brian said that they will be moving ahead with the land development process that they will be presenting to the Planning Commission then to Council for review. Brian said they are moving ahead with the agreement contingent upon land development approval but as some point the Borough may have to commit to building the parking lot. He said the Borough is required to put screening up as a condition of building a parking facility in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. Brian said we would put the screening that is required around the perimeter of parking spaces. Brian said there is a Zoning Meeting scheduled for April 6th for Tyrone Klump's applications for 3rd and Washington because they need relief for the lot area because of the cul-de-sac area.

6. Planning – Nothing to report. Brian said that Auto Zone contacted Deb to inform the Borough that they will be submitting revised plans for the April 16th Council Meeting.

7. Municipal Authority – Jeff Yob reported that the minutes from February's meeting are in the office for review. He said they have concerns with the Muschlitz development and the actual build out of the project and what it is going to be at the end of the day. Jeff said that if the proposed use changes they will have to go back to the Municipal Authority and Planning Commission. Brian said nothing has been said or submitted by Jack Muschlitz regarding any changes to the original plan that was approved by Borough Council. Council gave conditional approval with the condition that they provide a home owners association to address conditions of 55 years old and over. He said that if they decide that they are not going to do what was conditionally approved then Attorney Karasek would agree that they would have to come back to Council. Brian said that he had a walk through up on Broadway with Municipal Authority and PennDOT. Brian said that the project included saw cutting the curbing, removing it and pouring

new sidewalks. He said that PennDOT is making the residents get permits for each individual driveway that they are putting in.

8. Streets – Jon Faust informed Council of the work that the Street Department has done. Jeff said that he and Jon have to meet with Rich Fox regarding the list of road projects that should be done this year.

9. Parks – Dave Valley said they are booking bands for Summer Sounds. He said that the Car Show is scheduled for May 15th, 2016. Dave said that Sharon Davis requested to have pony rides and a petting zoo at the Boy Scout event in July, the Park Board said no. He said that May 7th is Park Clean-Up Day in conjunction with the Town Wide Clean-up.

10. Tipping Fees - Tony Curcio reported that the check should be received within the next three weeks.

11. COG – The Mayor reported that there is a meeting tomorrow for the Animal Control Officer for dogs and cats.

12. Slate Belt Community Partnership – Mayor Shoemaker reported that the committee met on February 11, 2016 in Portland. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall.

13. Technology – Louise Firestone said that she is waiting for Jim Albanese to get back to her about the laptops. She said she needs direction on the size and expense of the television. Jeff Yob said it should be large enough for everyone to see the plans. Brian said we can check into a projector. Jeff said there is a dual purpose for the television, emergency management and meetings.

On motion by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of March 22, 2016. Council agreed unanimously.

The meeting of March 22, 2016 adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Louise Firestone - Borough Administrator